

# What's New in the MPDC

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## NEW OFFICERS, NEWLY PROMOTED SUPERVISORS HELP TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY POLICING PATROLS

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As part of the MPDC's continuing efforts to enhance police visibility and strengthen community policing, Chief Ramsey this week administered the oath of office to 39 new police officers and 34 newly promoted supervisors during ceremonies at the National Zoo Auditorium. The 39 officers include 26 new recruits and 13 experienced officers hired from other law enforcement agencies under the Department's "lateral-hire" program. The lateral hires include officers from federal and military agencies in the DC area, as well as police departments in Milwaukee, Baltimore

*The sergeants, lieutenants and captains sworn in this past week were among the top scorers on the promotional examination administered last year. The MPDC is beginning a new promotional process, with a written examination for candidates for sergeant, lieutenant and captain.*

*Learn about career opportunities for recruit officers, lateral hires and civilian employees on the Employment Opportunities page of the MPDC Website:  
[mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ.shtm)*

and Puerto Rico. The newly promoted supervisors include 24 sergeants, eight lieutenants and two captains. All of the new officers and promotees have been assigned to Police Service Areas or other community policing responsibilities in the seven police districts. Read the news release at:

[mpdc.dc.gov](http://mpdc.dc.gov) (Click on News Room)

## UPCOMING: WARD 3 TRAFFIC SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP

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Mayor Williams and public safety and transportation officials from his administration join with commissioners from all ANCs in Ward 3 on Monday, January 28, for a Ward-wide traffic summit. This is actually a follow-up to a spring 2001 Traffic Summit at which each of the ANCs outlined its goals and priorities for traffic safety and engineering in Ward 3. The goal of the follow-up meeting is to review progress to date and identify new priorities. Since the first summit, Commander Peter Newsham of the Second District (which generally covers Ward 3) has asked each of the ANCs to identify specific traffic safety problems and problem areas they would like 2D officers to focus on. In addition to traditional speed and red-light running enforcement by officers, the Ward 3 ANCs have supported continuation and expansion of automated traffic enforcement systems in their communities. For more about the Traffic Summit, scheduled for 7:30 pm at the Chevy Chase Community Center, visit the ANC-3F Website:

*Learn about automated photo radar and red-light camera enforcement, as well as other traffic safety programs, at:  
[mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/traffic.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/traffic.shtm)*

[www.anc3f.org/home.htm](http://www.anc3f.org/home.htm)

## DC GETS HIGH MARKS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN NATIONAL SURVEY OF LARGEST CITIES

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In a survey conducted by CNN.com rating the nation's 30 largest cities and their ability to respond to potential disasters and terrorist attacks, DC was judged to be "well prepared." The survey was conducted by a panel of six law enforcement, security/terrorism, and emergency management experts who rated the cities in four categories: transportation, hospital/medical, federal preparedness (evaluating funding), and emergency management. The District received particularly high marks for its medical and federal preparedness, but a lower grade in the area of transportation. To view the entire CNN.com survey, click on:

*Copies of the DC Emergency Management Agency's "Family Preparedness Guide" are available at locations throughout the District, including libraries and recreation centers, as well as on-line (in PDF) at: [dcema.dc.gov/news\\_room/2001/november/fpa.shtm](http://dcema.dc.gov/news_room/2001/november/fpa.shtm)*

[www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2002/prepared.cities/](http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2002/prepared.cities/)

## DECEMBER CRIME STATISTICS SHOW INCREASE

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Preliminary statistics for December 2001 show that crime in DC rose when compared with the same month a year earlier. Sharp increases were reported for the month in stolen autos, burglaries and thefts from auto. Homicides also rose for the month, from 17 in December 2000 to 21 in December 2001. Sexual assaults, aggravated assault and other thefts all declined for the month. According to the preliminary statistics, overall crime was up 11.4 percent during December. Preliminary year-to-date numbers show that crime rose by just over 1 percent during 2001, with the overall trend driven by increases in stolen autos, robberies and, to a lesser extent, burglaries. These more than offset decreases for the year in homicides, sexual assaults, aggravated assaults, thefts and arson offenses. All of the statistics for 2001 remain preliminary, and are subject to change because of late reporting or the reclassification of some offenses. Final, official statistics for 2001 will be reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program later in the year. To view the preliminary December 2001 crime statistics for each of the seven police districts and the city as a whole, go to:

[mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/crstats.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/crstats.shtm)

## NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING DC GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE FOR CAFRITZ AWARDS

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The Cafritz Foundation is encouraging community groups and individual citizens to nominate outstanding DC Government employees for the 2002 Cafritz Awards. Nominations will be accepted during February and March, with five winners honored at a gala later in the year. Additional information is available at:

[www.dcagenda.org/pages/award/award.html](http://www.dcagenda.org/pages/award/award.html)

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